

Protecting our livestock and native animals

Recently we checked cameras we use to monitor both feral and native animals. What one camera captured was devastating. A sequence of photos showing a fox catching, and playing with, before killing a small native animal. We think the prey animal was a bandicoot however it is also the right size to be a possum. Either way we were horrified. The ease with which the fox captured the animal showed us clearly what we are dealing with, very skilled and adapted hunters.

We went from being horrified to despondent. What have our efforts, the efforts of contract shooters, feral control specialist, and 1080 baiting by private landholders achieved?

This question put it into perspective. Those on-going combined efforts have no doubt made a dent in local feral numbers. And every fox removed from the landscape is one less predating on native animals, poultry, and small livestock.

And people love to share their successes with us. One local landholder was so happy when they told us about the wildlife that has returned to their property since they commenced 1080 baiting a few years ago. They now have bandicoots up near their house, and often see possums too. Prior to baiting they never saw these animals.



Photo credit: Keith Smith

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION?

This Saturday we are running a workshop. At that workshop you will be trained in the handling of 1080 and you will receive a 5 year 1080 permit (FREE - paid for through grant funding), that will allow you to bait your property. Property size over 10 hectares.

1080 Baiting, Training and Accreditation Workshop

16th October 2021 9am-12.30pm, Torbay Hall

